

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY
MINUTES**

DATE: March 1, 2012

TIME: 9:00 a.m., CST

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Iris Room
227 French Landing, Suite 150
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Anita Davis, Ph.D., Chair
Jeffrey Erickson, Ph.D., Vice Chair
J Trevor Milliron, Ph.D.
Donald Brookshire, Ph.D.
Pamela Auble, Ph.D.
Mark Loftis, Senior Psychological Examiner
George Bercaw, M.A., Senior Psychological Examiner
Brenda Hunter, M.A., Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Rodney Sullivan, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Stacy Tarr, Interim Unit Director
Sherry Owens, Board Administrator
Jennifer Putnam, Office of General Counsel

Dr. Davis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Dr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble, to approve the December 1-2, 2011 minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Department of Health Assistant Commissioner

Michelle Long, newly appointed Assistant Commissioner to the Department of Health, was introduced to the Board. Ms. Long spoke to the Board and answered questions from the Board members.

Declaratory Order

Ms. Putnam presented a request for a Declaratory Order for David Jefferson, Ph.D. Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bercaw, to deny the request. The motion carried.

OGC Report

There are no open disciplinary files in the Office of General Counsel. The Board reviewed House Bill 3220, legislation proposed to request a certain continuing education course. Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brookshire to not support the bill. Dr. Milliron and Mr. Loftis abstained. Dr. Erickson opposed. The Board reviewed House Bill 3553 regarding the way Board members are appointed. Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Milliron not to support House Bill 3553. The motion carried. The Board reviewed Senate Bill 3724 regarding making music therapist a licensed profession. Dr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble to oppose Senate Bill 3724. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

There are sixteen (16) complaints against psychologists and six (6) against psychological examiners/senior psychological examiners.

Disciplinary Report

Four (4) practitioners are on probation, seven (7) practitioners have had their licenses suspended/revoked, nine (9) practitioners are under Board orders and one (1) licensee was reprimanded.

Administrative Report

There are currently 1322 active licensed psychologists, 507 active licensed psychological examiners/senior psychological examiners and 23 active licensed certified psychological assistants.

Financial Report

For FY2011 there were direct expenditures of \$93,422.34; indirect expenditures were \$93,674.79. Revenues were \$309,677.61. The cumulative carryover from FY2011 was \$412,718.39.

Rule Amendments

Ms. Putnam discussed amendments to Rule 1180-1.08 regarding Type I and II continuing education and the ethics and jurisprudence exam. The proposed amendments are in OGC's internal review process. Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Mr. Loftis, to make changes to the amendments and to review a new draft. The motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from **Cynthia Jackson, PhD**, requesting an extension of her temporary license. Dr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter, to grant a 90 day extension of her temporary license. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Anne Goodnow, PhD**, requesting waiver and extension to obtain additional credits for the 2009-2010 renewal cycle. The Board granted the request.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Connie Bell-Rummell, PhD**, requesting waiver and extension to obtain additional credits for the 2009-2010 renewal cycle. The Board granted the request.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Karen Bretz, PhD**, requesting an extension of her temporary license. Dr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter, to grant a 60 day extension of her temporary license. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Katherine Hiestand, PhD**, requesting an extension of her provisional license. Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter, to grant a 30 day extension of her provisional license. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Linda Arbaugh-Patin PhD**, requesting waiver of requirements for continuing education. The Board requested her to send an affidavit from the property owner stating when the office she rented flooded and an affidavit from her stating that she completed her 40 hours of continuing education during the 2009-2010 renewal cycle.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Lori Church** asking if she can be licensed as a Psychological Examiner. The Board discussed the matter and indicated that since the law changed a few years ago, there is no longer an application for psychological examiners.

The Board reviewed a letter from **J. Michael Scott, PhD** regarding his supervision. The Board approved David Terrell, PhD as Dr. Scott's supervisor.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Ray Steinkerchner, PhD** regarding whether the Board can waive the requirement of the EPPP exam. The Board stated that if Dr. Steinkerchner is sufficiently qualified the EPPP may be waived.

TCAF

Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Erickson to approve the extension of the peer assistance contract with Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation. The motion carried. The Board stated it would like to continue to receive an annual presentation from TCAF.

Telepsychology

The Board discussed the research the subcommittee performed regarding telehealth laws in other states. Dr. Erickson, Dr. Brookshire and Mr. Bercaw will present guidelines at the June 2012 Board meeting to develop a policy statement for telepsychology.

New Licenses

Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brookshire, to approve the following newly licensed psychologists:

**Benjamin Birdwell
Pamela Drury
Kristin Katz
Lucinda Long
Nicole Noffsinger-Frazier
Darcy Raches
Scott Wylie**

The motion carried.

Reinstated Licensees

Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brookshire, to approve the following reinstated psychologists:

Brenda Owensby

Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brookshire, to approve the following reinstated psychological examiners:

Julia Huckabee

The motion carried.

EPPP Examination

Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brookshire, to approve the passing scores of the EPPP examination for the following candidates:

**Melvin Varghese
Rebecca Foster
Robyn Howarth
Kristin Katz
Jennifer Lindwall**

Chelsea Rothchild
Shawn Levstek

The motion carried.

Ethics and Jurisprudence Examination

Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Erickson, to approve the passing scores of the ethics and jurisprudence examination for the following candidates:

John Burkhardt
Jane Schreiber
Nicole Frazier
Scott Wylie
Benjamin Birdwell
Elizabeth VanHorn
Darcy Raches
Kristen Katz
Pamela Drury

The motion carried.

Ethics and Jurisprudence Exam Task Force Report

Dr. Davis, Dr. Brookshire and Mr. Bercaw are examining the equivalency of the parallel forms of the test. Dr. Davis is in the process of reviewing the information from Ms. Owens and will report back to the Board at the next meeting June 14-15, 2012.

Criminal Background Check

Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr. Erickson, to accept the policy statement regarding the criminal background check. The motion carried.

File Review

Dr. Milliron made a motion, seconded by Dr Erickson, to approve **Robert Butler** to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence exam pending receipt of a criminal background check. The motion carried.

Dr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble, to approve **Sacha Bliss** to be issued a temporary license and to sit for the EPPP exam and the ethics and jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

Dr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble to approve **Adriana Smith**, to be issued a provisional license and sit for the EPPP examination and ethics and jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Milliron to approve **Maria Armento** to sit for the EPPP exam and the ethics and jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

Ms. Hunter made a motion, seconded by Dr. Milliron, to approve **Melanie Karsanac** to be issued certification as a psychological assistant. The motion carried.

Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brookshire, to approve **Khatidja Ali** to sit for the EPPP exam and the ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Erickson, to approve **Laura Levinson** to sit for ethics and jurisprudence examination. Dr. Davis abstained. The motion carried.

Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Mr. Loftis, to defer action on the applicant of **Jovanna Emerson** and to ask her to appear before the Board. The motion carried.

Dr. Brookshire made a motion, seconded by Dr. Milliron, to approve **Claude Robinson** to be issued a provisional license and to sit for the EPPP examination and ethics and jurisprudence examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Brookshire made a motion, seconded by Mr. Loftis, to approve **Olivia King** to be issued certification as a psychological assistant. The motion carried.

Mr. Bercaw made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter, to approve **Raegan Yung** to be issued certification as a psychological assistant. The motion carried.

Mr. Bercaw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble, to approve **Audrey Elion** to be issued certification as a psychological assistant. The motion carried.

Dr. Brookshire made a motion, seconded by Dr. Milliron, to approve **Katherine Gifford** to sit for the EPPP exam and the jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

Mr. Bercaw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble, to approve **Erica Carr** to sit for the EPPP exam and jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

2013 Board Dates

The Board set the 2013 Board meeting dates and they are as follows:

March 14-15

June 13-14

September 19 - 20

December 9 - 10

All Board meetings will take place in the Department of Health Conference Center at 227 French Landing, Suite 150. All meetings start at 9am central standard time.

Other Board Business

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Erickson to adjourn at 4:46 p.m. on March 1, 2012. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board on June 14, 2012